



**IFLA World Library and Information Congress  
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August 2019, Athens, Greece  
IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Standing Committee Meeting  
Thursday Aug 29, 2019; 8:30-10:30; Business Room 4**

**Committee Members:** Céline Allain, Jeanne Drewes, Marwa El Sahn, Sônia Isabel Ferreira Casquiço Pereira, Ornella Foglieni, Alenka Kavčič-Čolić, Russell Lynch, Arnold Mmbwanga, Alexey Novikov, Becky Ryder, Yoriko Sato, Billy Tak Hoi Leung, Véronique Thomé.

**Apologized:** Reinhard Altenhöner, Sylvain Bélanger, Annie Bonnaud, Nevine Konsowa, Miguel Angel Mardero Arellano, Irina Shilova, Ingeborg Verheul.

**Guests and Observers:** Joaquim M. Andrade, Ammar Hussein Aljawad, Tomasz Gruszkowski, Hussein Adil [Alrahelati] Hasan, Stéphane Ipert, Maria Kolpakova, Maria Cecilia D. Lobo, Jacob Nadal, Maxim Nasra, Dunstan Newman, Diana V. Padilla, Angeliki Papacharalampous, Konstantina Papadakij, Shawky Salem

**Information Coordinator:** This person helps update webpages for our section on the IFLA website. It is especially needed this year to help with IFLA's new web design. Sônia asked about the time commitment. Jeanne said it might take four hours a month and it does not have a constant work load.

No one volunteered during the meeting. We will keep it vacant for now.

Later in the meeting, Yoriko said she would consider it. She needs to check with her supervisors. Arnold is interested also. (*Yoriko Sato reported on 9 September 2019 that she can do it.*)

**P&CS Social Event:** We had eighteen people at the dinner near the Ancient Agora. Pictures from the evening are posted on Basecamp.

**ENSULIB SIG Report:** Harri Sahavirta (outgoing convener) talked about the ENSULIG Special interest Group. Petra Hauke will be the SIG convener.

For SIG activities this year, they have published a book. They gave the Green Library Award to the National Library of Croatia and the University of Zagreb. They talked with libraries about SDG (Sustaining Development Goals) stories. They actively support sustainable, green libraries to publish their stories at the SDG Stories website. IFLA's Governing Board rejected ENSULIB's proposal to become a section. They will continue as a SIG for at least another year.

Guest: Petra Hauke joined Harri Sahavirta to report on the SIG's plans. They will hold a 2nd International Green Library conference in Rijeka, Croatia in 2020. They will have a new book project concerning new libraries in old or abandoned buildings. They are planning a satellite meeting in Ireland. This year's runner-up for the Green Library Award was the University of Cork. ENSULIB will work with the University of Cork on the satellite meeting arrangements.

### **ENSULIB Satellite Meeting in Dublin Report:**

- Petra would like to have the building idea as the theme
- Presentations from the meeting could be published in the book
- Both the meeting and the book could include how to store old documents – especially with storage standards and sustainability
- Alenka said we need to further define the theme so it includes using low-cost, green methods for physical and digital storage
- At the Social Event on Wednesday night, Arthur T. [name?] said their caves (that the National library of Norway uses) are very good storage
- The papers at the satellite meeting could be an opportunity for articles in the IFLA Journal
- The effects on the collections could be a piece of it; work of Tom \_\_\_ [name?] on the I-G-I [?] for economy as well as stability; consider ideas for sustainable housing; consider low cost solutions with high results

We voted to support the ENSULIB Satellite Meeting and all were in favor (Harri and Petra left the room); Alenka agreed to help ENSULIB with the Satellite Meeting. She will be our representative. We will also include Ornella in the planning for the meeting in County Cork.

Action item: Russell will invite Petra Hauke to Basecamp (*Alenka did it while she still had administrative rights.*)

**Highlights, Expectations, and Experiences of the 2019 Conference:** We discussed the four programs where our section helped.

*Collections and Science* (# 101); Stefan talked about what he presented; This was the first time to demonstrate equipment in a program; these machines are good for librarians (not just conservators) because of what they can detect. The PAC Centre might provide a checklist of what a librarian or researcher could examine.

Action item: We will get this checklist from the PAC Centre.

*Forward thinking to lessen the effects of disasters* with Rare Books (# 152); a collaboration with RB and PAC Strategic Program to minimize the effect of disasters. Yoriko and Celine both presented. They focused on means of protection. This session had the first archives paper presented. The assessment of collections is also a key factor.

*Data Challenges in Libraries* (# 153a) we co-sponsored this session with Big Data SIG. *It's Good to Preserve, It's Even Better to Share* (# 179) we co-sponsored this session with Audio-Visual and Multimedia (herein 'AVMS').

#### **Other**

The other program was with the Digital Unification Working Group. The Group was sunset-ed. They finished their work; (a digital or virtual re-unification of an object that was separated). They shared case studies. The documents are named 'guidelines' but are an IFLA Standard. The document is posted. Jeanne represented the P&C Section in this group.

Action item: Include the link: <https://www.ifla.org/cultural-heritage/digital-unification>  
<https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/topics/cultural-heritage/documents/guidlines-on-setting-up-a-digital-unification-project.pdf>

Jeanne reported on the Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee. She represented the P&C Section. The Committee reports to the IFLA Governing Board (not to the PC). The P&C Chair is automatically a member of the Committee. Other sections include AVMS, RBSC, and National Libraries. Jake Nadal will be the PAC Representative on the Advisory Board.

Action item: Jeanne will add details to our minutes for the Advisory Committee.

While it may not appear obvious in the IFLA Strategic Directions, Cultural Heritage does fit within the framework. We can stay in touch with IFLA-HQ and we'll want to take advantage of the opportunity.

Standards and Guidelines: Preservation at Large (one of the working groups) looking at what we already have. We also want to look outward: to ICA and ICOM. For example, they both have guidelines on buildings and sustainable buildings. The review showed that we need to have levels based capability, size, and climate.

**Creating task force groups for our section:** Jeanne explained the need for at least two task forces. One for cultural heritage and another for standards, guidelines and best practices. All standing committee members are invited to participate in a task force if they desire. Other guests are also welcome.

Task Force for Cultural Heritage Advisory: Celine A, Alenka K-C, Russell L, Shawky S

Task Force for Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices: Ornella F, Sonia C, Billy L, Maria Kolpakova, Thomaz Gruszkowski, Dunstan Newman

Alenka recommended that Miguel A Arellano from Brazil serve on the Task Force.

**Program for WLIC 2020:** we discussed some opportunities to collaborate with other sections. Indigenous Matters would like to work with a program in 2020; we want to hold something off-site with Rare Books & Special Collection and Indigenous Matters; possibly we will be at Chester-Beatty Building.

Loans/ agreements/ security / lighting/ period of time for a loan; exhibition planning; how materials are presented; insurance issues / transportation / the internal work is very time consuming (it's a daily task for someone in a national library); we would certainly explain some of the best practices for exhibition; also fundraising or pricing

We hope that the outcome is not just a presentation but guidelines for exhibitions published online. Stéphane recommends that the PAC Strategic Program helps with this half-day event. Jeanne says they are working with Rare Books & Special Collections. The off-site event will happen whether we participate or not.

We could include scientific analysis; legal issues and tests

Alenka moved that we support the event with Indigenous Matters and Rare Books & Special Collections; Russell seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Action item: We will let RB&SP and Art Libraries know (*Completed by Jeanne Drewes.*)

Becky knows that Newspaper is planning the program for preserving born digital news media;

Motion: If Newspapers wants our help, we will assist them on their 2020 Program for preserving born digital news media. Becky made the motion. Alenka seconded the motion. The motion passed. Becky will head the working group.

**Future Program for WLIC 2021:** we discussed possible program topics for a session in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. We can invite Ingeborg Verheul to help us with the program as she lives in this area. She has difficulty traveling so this might give her a chance to help.

We could work with the Library Buildings and Equipment Section on a program. Celine attended their second standing committee meeting. She recommended that we work together. We're not sure how well our invitation was received.

Action item: Reach out to officers to see if they want to coordinate with us on anything (Jeanne and Russell to do it)

Sonia recommended also working with the AVMS section. Jeanne reminded us that there is a movement to restructure the sections.

More ideas for new activities:

Action item: We all need to express to Jeanne our interest of how we can help (submit by September 6, 2019)

**Corresponding Members:** We will add some, but people have to write to P&C Officers to apply. They need to say how they will help the Section

Action item: Jeanne will post a message on the List-server to inform them of the opening for Corresponding Members

Becky could work on a contact list of who does Pres-Conservation at their institution; Jeanne said Becky can proceed with this

#### *More on our Action Plan*

IFLA Journal: Reinhard Altenhöner and Jacob Nadal (Director of Preservation at LOC) are the co-editors. Jake Nadal will replace Jeanne Drewes in this project.

Jake and Reinhart met with Steve Witt during WLIC. The co-editors will be looking for authors and reviewers. They will issue the call for papers within weeks. We seek articles to connect with concerns of safeguarding collections and the needs of library directors. We hope that by Spring 2020 we are in the final editing process.

We could have a program on reaching out to the public and reaching out to the community. In the Philippines conservation is not a priority. P&C could help show the need and value.

We can explain the value of working the NGOs: Mellon, Soros, Gates, for funding

Meeting and Communication to show the value of cultural heritage;

We need to show that P&C is necessary for every country

We could have a satellite mtg that becomes a work project; It's "preservation in action." Those who aren't in preservation could do service at a Satellite Meeting in a hands-on way

The Public Library guidelines is an opportunity that we can exploit; we could work with Metropolitan libraries too

We could do something with the Education Section in 2021. We have to describe how what we do connects with other groups; the preservation metadata could be a program in 2021 as well

**Update on the Prince Claus Fund:** Jeanne reported that the Fund is working with the PAC Strategic Program. The focus is on disaster mitigation.

<https://princeclausfund.org/>

**Other Items:** Jeanne informed us that she will retire from the Library of Congress on 11 October 2019. Her new e-mail address is [jdrewes3@gmail.com](mailto:jdrewes3@gmail.com)

**Action items from both meetings:**

Send interest to serve as Corresponding member to Jeanne

Schedule ZOOM meeting to complete Action Plan

Irmhild Ceynowa to continue as IFLA rep to CEN?

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Review draft Action Plan. Be ready to discuss via Zoom

Jeanne will add details to our minutes for the Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee

Reach out to officers of Library Bldg and Equipment to see if they want to coordinate with us on anything

We all need to express to Jeanne our interest of how we can help (submit by September 6, 2019)

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**Next Meeting: A Zoom Meeting. Jeanne will send a Doodle Poll for the best date.**

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Lynch  
Secretary